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State Dept. review completed

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Dear Al,

You will recall that the President sent us the attached memo (Tab A) last December, directing us to prepare a policy review of Middle East arms control issues, and to coordinate that paper with other concerned agencies and the NSC staff, in preparation for future NSC deliberation. Some of your colleagues have tried to confine the President's instruction to the problems of the Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone project, contrary to its text. After an extended period of unsuccessful efforts to organize State-ACDA cooperation in preparing the review paper, I decided, with Bill Clark's approval, to go ahead on our own. At Tab B you will find a staff study dealing with all the points specified by the President. It is still in draft, but it represents the thrust I believe is essential. The ACDA staff is continuing its work on the paper.

Before the draft is circulated beyond the building, I should welcome your views and comments, which could be incorporated into the document.

Yours sincerely,

Attachments:
as stated

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